

**KELSO CITY COUNCIL**  
**7:00 P.M.**

**APRIL 19, 2005**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

Pastor Roger Sharon gave the invocation. Mayor Don Gregory led the flag salute. The Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council was called to order by Mayor Gregory. Councilmembers in attendance were: Gregory, Slater, McDaniel, Wheeler, Keolker, and Futchner. Councilmember Chester was absent from the meeting.

**Minutes:** Upon Motion by Councilmember Slater and seconded by Councilmember Keolker, 'Approve the minutes of the 4/5/05 Regular Meeting', motion carried, all voting yes.

**PRESENTATION:**

**Quarterly Report – Cowlitz 2 Fire & Rescue:** Chief Alan Headley gave the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report for 2005.

**Annual Report – Kelso Police Department:** Chief Nelson presented the Department's Annual Report.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Auditing of Accounts:** \$1,325,561.07

**Liquor License Renewals:** 1) Red Lobster, 203 Three Rivers Drive; 2) Hilander Bowl, 200 Kelso Drive; 3) Cliff's Hilltop Market, 604 Burcham St. N.

**New Liquor License Application:** El Tucan, Inc., 409 S. Pacific

Upon Motion by Councilmember Slater and seconded by Councilmember Wheeler, 'Approve the Consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts for \$1,325,561.07,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**PUBLIC HEARING – ALLOCATE 2005 HOME FUNDING:**

**Julie Hourcle**, Assistant Planner for Community Development, City of Longview, gave a presentation on the Longview-Kelso HOME Consortium. Mayor Gregory opened the Public Hearing at 8:10 p.m.

**Leslie Caponette**, Program Manager for the First Home Loan Program currently operating in Clark County, explained the down payment program for low income people. This program will help individuals purchase a home and keep the payments low. We have applied for \$50,000 to be used in Kelso.

**Karen Monroe**, Director of the Kelso Housing Authority, spoke on Tenant Based Rental Assistance for Domestic Violence Survivors. The amount requested is \$117,990. Kelso Housing Authority works along with the Emergency Support Shelter to provide

assistance to 15 families so they can live safely from their abuser. Karen invited **Laura Patterson**, who interviews and signs up clients for housing, to speak on behalf of the program.

**Karen Monroe**, Director of the Kelso Housing Authority, spoke concerning the Tenant Based Rental Assistance for Drug Court Participants. The amount requested is \$39,330. Kelso Housing Authority, Longview Housing Authority, and Cowlitz Drug Court have an awesome program providing transitional housing for those families who are enrolled in the drug court rehabilitation program. Karen invited **Judge Jill Johanson** and **Shawna McClousky**, Drug Court Coordinator, to talk about the program.

**Larissa Page**, from the audience, explained how the housing program has personally helped her.

**Sheila Girt**, Energy and Housing Director for Lower Columbia Community Action Council, spoke on Kelso Transitional Housing Phase III. The amount requested is \$55,368. This project consists of two single-family rental units.

Mayor Gregory closed the Public Hearing at 8:43 p.m.

Lengthy Council discussion followed concerning the funds in the amount of \$71,519.25 which are available to the City of Kelso as a member of the HOME Consortium. Upon motion by Councilmember Futch and seconded by Councilmember Keolker, **‘Approve \$39,330 for the Tenant Based Rental Assistance for Drug Court Participants and \$32,189.25 for Tenant Based Rental Assistance for Domestic Violence Survivors.’** motion carried, all voting yes.

### **MOTION ITEMS:**

**Ordinance (1<sup>st</sup> Reading) – Regulating Motorized Foot Scooters:** The City Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by Title only. Upon Motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Keolker, ‘Pass on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO ADDING A NEW CHAPTER ENTITLED MOTORIZED FOOT SCOOTERS TO THE KELSO MUNICIPAL CODE, CODIFIED AS KMC CHAPTER 10.26, REGULATING THE USE OF MOTORIZED FOOT SCOOTERS ON CITY PROPERTY AND PUBLIC STREETS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF KELSO.’ City Attorney Paul Brachvogel and Police Chief Wayne Nelson explained some of the key points of the proposed Ordinance. Lengthy Council discussion followed. Motion carried, Councilmembers Wheeler, McDaniel, Keolker, Slater, and Gregory voting yes; Councilmember Futch voting no (passed 5 to 1).

**Spray Park – Award of Contract:** Public Works Director David Sypher recommended awarding the contract to Hollinger Construction in the amount of \$92,888.00, minus

deductions totaling \$24,684.15. Upon Motion by Councilmember Wheeler and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Award contract to Hollinger Construction in the amount of \$68,203.85,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**Doug Robinson:** 1) The Council Retreat will be Saturday, April 30th, upstairs in the City Hall building beginning at 9:00 a.m. 2) Cowlitz County will sponsor a meth workshop to include all the councils in the County, Tuesday, May 31 at 7:00 p.m. in the Longview City Hall Training Room. 3) The Association of Washington Cities Conference in Kennewick is June 21-24.

**Paul Brachvogel:** No Report

**David Sypher:** Councilmember McDaniel indicated there are some parking issues near the stadium at Tam O'Shanter Park. Need to enforce handicapped spots so vehicles are not illegally parked. Parking signs are needed so vehicles don't block fire and emergency lanes. Need no parking signs painted in front of the building. David Sypher will look at the situation and meet with Chief Nelson.

**Kent Anderson:** 1) Ordered the lift off our property at 4<sup>th</sup> & Oak. 2) Receiving interest from consultants for the downtown plan. 3) Issued temporary Certificate of Occupancy for the third base bleachers at Stan Rister Stadium at Tam O'Shanter Park. 4) It's not too late to attend the Downtown Revitalization Institute in Centralia April 27-29.

**Wayne Nelson:** No Report

**Veryl Anderson:** No Report

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**Alan Slater:** Mowing City property has been discussed due to numerous complaints received from people walking the dike. Approximately three feet at the edge of the dike can't be mowed due to the existing equipment. Public Works Director David Sypher explained he is aware of the problem and the City is in process of purchasing a roadside mower.

**David Futchner:** No Report

**Joe Wheeler:** No Report

**Jack Keolker:** Want to remind citizens when mowing your lawn; you are responsible to mow both sides of the sidewalk.

**Todd McDaniel:** Mayor Gregory inquired about the parking at Tam O'Shanter Park. Councilmember McDaniel said the parking issue will be a problem. Some solutions would be to park at Kelso High School or Riverway Plaza and walk to the park. City Manager Doug Robinson explained some of the delays in the project. Further discussion followed.

**Don Gregory:** No Report

Upon Motion by Councilmember Futch and seconded by Councilmember Keolker, 'Move to Adjourn,' motion carried, all voting yes. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

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**MAYOR**

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**CITY CLERK**